Revised rates of Centage Charges towards Establishment and Tools and Plant in respect of works of several departments executed by the Public Works Department.

CORRIGENDUM.

ORDER No. FL.(B) 6169-269—C. R. 20-53-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 3RD AUGUST 1954.

Government Order No. Fl.(B) 10430-530—C.R, 20-53-1, dated the 4th November 1953 fixing the revised rates of centage charges towards Establishment and Tools and Plant in respect of the works of several departments and also of the Local Bodies executed by the Public Works Department.

For the words "e) The Muzrai Department" occurring in the margin of paragraph 3 of the above Government Order, substitute the words "e) Muzrai Institutions."

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Finance Department.

HOME, FOREST AND AGRICULTURE SECRETARIAT

Modifies the existing rule regarding the Scale of fees "for Expert Evidence" of Hand-writing Experts of the Police Department.

READ :—

Government Order No. H. A. 10971-11047—Pol. 145-48-8, dated the 23rd February 1951, sanctioning *inter alia*, the scale of fees leviable when the services of Hand-writing experts are utilised by Government Departments (other than Police) and private parties for purposes of examining questioned documents and for giving evidence in Courts.

2. Correspondence ending with letter No. A1. C. 205—52-53, dated the 26th April 1954, from the Inspector-General of Police seeking clarification in regard to the scale of fees "for expert evidence" sanctioned in the Government Order, dated 23rd February 1951, read above.

ORDER No. H. A. 2011-2085—POL. 97-54-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 19TH JULY 1954.

In the Government Order dated the 23rd February 1951, read above, the scale of fees sanctioned for expert evidence is noted as mentioned below :—

"*For Expert Evidence* :—Rs. 20 for each day spent in attendance in Court or in travelling to and from Court. Travelling Allowance to be payable as per Mysore Services Regulations.

The Inspector-General of Police has reported that when the Hand-writing Expert attended the Munsiff's Court, Hunsur, for giving expert evidence in a case on 6th July 1953, the Court felt a doubt as to whether the fee of Rs. 20 for each day specified above is payable for the day spent by the expert in travelling to and from the Court, and that this fee accordingly was, however, paid by the Court subsequently. He has, therefore, sought for clarification on this point.

After re-examining all aspects of the case, it is considered that recovery of the prescribed fee of Rs. 20 for each day spent by the Hand-writing Expert in travelling to and from the Court is justifiable as his time spent in the journey would have been utilised for carrying on scientific work in the Scientific Laboratory of the Police Department (C. I. D.) at Headquarters. The existing rule regarding the scale of fees "for Expert Evidence" contained in the Government Order, dated 23rd February 1951, read above is, therefore, modified as follows:—

"*For Expert Evidence* :—Rs. 20 for each day spent in attendance in Court *and also* in travelling to and from Court. In addition to this fee, Travelling Allowance is payable as per Mysore Services; Regulations".

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